

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Location: 3535 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

August 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Edwin Parker, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Jack Harris, Douglas Hillensbeck, James Little, Richard St. Pierre, Don Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Felicia Lee, Angela Machin, Kenneth Welborn

VACANT SEAT: East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Parker.

2. Roll Call (see above).

3. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

5. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hillensbeck, second by St. Pierre to approve the July 2022 regular meeting minutes.

6. Financial Statements

Bailey presented to the Board the July 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Thompson to approve the July 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.

7. Executive Director Report

- Rietschier updated the Board on the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal features which includes 12 structures or bridges, and 5 channel sections/bayous.
- Rietschier reported the Basin-wide Flood Inundation Map of the 2016 flood event report is being finalized. A presentation is being planned for the September ARBC meeting.
- Other

8. ARBC Legal Counsel

- Councilman Moak met with ARBC Executive Director and ARBC President to request possible funding for cleaning and snagging of the Comite River. Bankston reminded the Board that ARBC can't embark on any new contracts due to HB 686 and that CRDC tax dollars are restricted.
- Discussed the Amite River Basin being designated as an independent watershed region under the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Program

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business

- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by St. Pierre to replace the existing malfunctioning phone system through REV, formerly EATEL. The cost for the system that includes 3 phones, internet, unlimited long distance and same services will remain under \$200 per month for 3-year agreement.

11. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

/s/ Edwin Parker, ARBC President

Date: 9/20/22

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary